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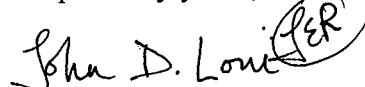
The Honorable John G. Koeltl
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1030
New York, NY 10007

Re: Commerce & Industry Ins. Co., et al. v. U.S. Bank National Ass'n 1:07 CV 5731 (JGK)(RLE)

Dear Judge Koeltl:

We represent plaintiffs/counterclaim defendants Commerce & Industry Insurance Company and American International Specialty Lines Insurance Company ("Plaintiffs") in the above-referenced action. Pursuant to Rule 2 of the Court's Individual Practices, Plaintiffs respectfully request oral argument of the Plaintiffs' motion to dismiss, filed along with this letter on November 19, 2007.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Lovi". To the right of the name, there is a small, circular, handwritten mark that appears to be "JER".

John D. Lovi